

# The Eagle

WICHITA, KANSAS, JUNE 14, 1908.

Illinois is going to try high license. One hundred and fifty dollars for beer saloons, and five hundred for distilled spirits will be the figures.

The Chicago *Inter Ocean* estimates the cost of liquor drunk in Illinois at \$60,000,000, and produces statistics to prove that the estimate is not an exaggerated one.

Observations in most parts of Central Illinois show that many distilleries are being run out and that scarcely any plants are being set out. The barbed wire is the fence of the future.

The *Leavenworth Times* cutely remarks: "The 'Commonwealth' who take issue with the 'Commonwealth' are rather lively little stations, and may rival 'its own Topeka' some day. Stranger things have happened."

The Manhattan *Nationalist* nails its candidates for President and Vice President to the mast head, viz: George F. Edmunds, of Vermont, for President, and Robert T. Lincoln, of Illinois, for Vice President.

At the late election in Virginia the Republicans carried thirteen counties. They have not carried last year, and last year they carried last year. The general result was a splendid victory for the anti-Bourbons.

An Ohio newspaper mentions an element of weakness in Judge Hoadley and Gen. Ward, the leading democratic candidates for governor of that state, that the former is "an agnostic," and the latter "will get drunk."

Harrison, the big preacher, claims to have converted 150,000 persons. It is thought that his success at Kansas City, where he is now laboring, may be represented, numerically, by the three right hand figures of this encouraging statistic—*Emporia News*.

The Kansas Nebraska Central railroad is an enterprise planned to run from Fort Scott, Kansas, to Lincoln, Nebraska, via Topeka. The company has borrowed \$500,000 in England, and work has been commenced at the Fort Scott end of the line.

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As a rigid enforcement of the prohibitory law leads directly and invariably to an illicit and covert traffic in intoxicating liquors, and as a failure to enforce such law leads to a disregard of the will of the people and of a people's government, which assertions need no arguments, as experience has shown them to be true, why then would it not be the best thing for the temperance people of Kansas, as well as for all who desire to see the crying evil of intemperance abolished, to see that a burlesque tax would come more nearly prohibiting the traffic than prohibition. This kind of talk, we know, will not do for the temperance people of Kansas, but we are not for stirring up this matter, and these men would sink from sight never to be heard of again, at least until they had invented some other hobby upon which to ride into notoriety or office. But the question is to those who at heart really desire the abolition of the traffic as an end in itself, and who, as people who desire to protect and save the health and integrity of the whole people, there is hardly any one so simple-minded as not to know that the prohibitory laws of Massachusetts and other States have been laws of state and not of temperance, and that for twenty-five years Maine has been the laughing-stock for the world in this matter. Old-fashioned people may not be so intelligent and progressive as the people of Kansas, but we think her people have shown good sense in that as soon as they found prohibitory laws of no use, they have taken the matter into their own hands, and have resolved to drop them and try something else. Illinois, profiting by the failure of Iowa, Kansas and other States to prohibit the use of liquors as a beverage, now acts upon the idea suggested in our question by making the license so high as to curtail its use. The *Jersey Democrat*, a temperance paper, declares that the high license law will wipe out from one to two thousand low holes of rum and perdition in the other counties in section work on the railroad lines, but within the past three years it has been gridironed, and now reports 117 miles—the greatest number of miles of railway of any county in Kansas.

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## THE RAILROADS OF KANSAS.

There are 3,570 miles of main track, and 44,000 miles of side track in the State—a total of 47,570 miles. The main track is assessed at \$2,500 to \$5,000 per mile, the highest assessment being that of the Atchison section of the Missouri Pacific, and the lowest the Manhattan & Blue Valley. The average is \$5,180 per mile, making a total of \$2,450,000. All side tracks are assessed at the same figure—\$2,000 per mile, making a total of \$89,570. There are 3,570 miles of telegraph—enough to cross the State, from east to west, and a half times—and it is assessed at \$70 per mile, making a total of \$250,770. Railroad buildings are valued at \$600,000, the only one assessed separately being the union depot in this city, valued at \$25,000. The total value of rolling stock is \$4,450,707.57, and of tools, material, etc., \$800,207.67. The total value of all the railway property of the State is \$27,350,319.91, and the average value per mile of railroad property is \$7,666.62. The increase in the taxable value of railway property, over 1882, is \$2,122,047.71.—*Champion*.

FOR GOVERNOR OF OHIO.

Joseph R. Foraker, the Republican nominee for governor, was born in Highland county, Ohio, July 24, 1845. He worked on a farm during his boyhood. On July 12th, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company A, Eighty-ninth Ohio Infantry, and he served in the law, or an undisciplined hole in the wall, or as many lackeys all day. And this is one feature about the enforcement of a restrictive or high tax law that is well worth considering, and that is: there are a large class of respectable, influential men in every community who will never endorse prohibitory measures. For the better information of these wiseacres we refer them to the proceedings of the last board.

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## A PLATFORM.

The New York *World*, under its new management, formulates this platform: 1. Tax luxuries. 2. Tax intemperance. 3. Tax large incomes. 4. Tax monopolies. 5. Tax private corporations. 6. A tariff for revenue. 7. Return the civil service. 8. Punish corrupt office-holders. 9. Punish employers who coerce their employees in elections. Will some one tell us who dissects from the above. It is exactly, with a slight modification, the platform upon which Republicans have stood for the past twenty years. The only difference is "a tariff for revenue" only, or "a tariff for revenue" as adjusted to protect home industries. It is true that both parties contain men who take the extreme for and against protection.

It is true that the majority of Republicans believe in protection, and the majority of Democrats are opposed to protection. It is also true that the leading Democrats in Pennsylvania and Missouri are pronounced protectionists, quite as radically as the leading advocates in the Republican party.

The Democratic party never has, and never will, take a position in favor of a tariff for revenue only. If it does the Republicans will have a good ticket to win again with the race in 1908.

We have read the Democratic papers for the last forty years, and think we know exactly the nature of the platform they now stand on. They have been among the "outs" for twenty-four years, and now desire to be numbered among the "ins."—*Leavenworth Times*.

NOTES PICKED UP AROUND TOPEKA.

Rev. A. R. Campbell is now a lawyer, with the privilege of practicing before the supreme court. He will no longer do pulp work, though he may make temperance speeches from the church platform.

It now appears that station agents have never been instructed to withhold schedule of rates and classification from shippers. While furnished for their information, they have generally been given to the public by men who had nothing to ship. In several places agents have assumed the responsibility of refusing this privilege.

An important decision by the railroad commissioners, relating to freight rates, may be looked for in about two weeks. It will be of much more consequence to the public than anything that has come from this source since the new law was enacted.

The work of laying the foundation of the main capital building is rapidly progressing. Every corner stone is being laid on the solid work. The old east wing rests on clay, some six feet or more above the arch.

Governor Gillick is somewhat better than he has been for weeks, but he is unable to do office work, and has been compelled to go home.

The Senate Journal is in the hands of the public printer, and his House Journal will be transcribed in about two weeks.

"Suicides Retired" (Topeka) furnishes nothing new, unless the episode of the great moral man is provided.

THE NATION'S DEBT.

The reduction of the national debt in the eleven months just past has amounted to \$115,725,000, and the surplus for the entire year will probably not exceed \$125,000,000, a sum slightly in excess of Secretary Folger's original estimate.

There has been a decrease in the national debt, but the decrease is already about \$100,000,000. The standard of living is rapidly accumulating in the treasury. There were collected \$2,500,000 of these dollars in the month of May, but more than that number were added in the same time to the store in the Government's vaults, where nearly 100,000,000 of these rejected coins are packed away. The forty-eightth Congress, at the beginning of its session, will find about 125,000,000 standard dollars in the custody of the Government.

HOW WELD.

The Commonwealth says: We have it from most excellent authority that Mr. Huntington has about six millions invested in the Atlantic & Pacific coast. The capital stock of this road is \$60,700,000 of which \$30,350,000 was held by the trustees, \$4,000 by the directors for qualification purposes, and \$26,350,000 is retained by the road. The road is now being sold on the block subscriptions now outstanding, and the underwriting \$50,000,000, with the exception of a few shares, is in the treasury, but as the property of the Atlantic & Pacific coast.

These lands, at prices given, are for sale on four years' time, one-fifth down, balance in four equal payments, with interest at 8 per cent. payable semi-annually. For cash we can allow a discount of 10 per cent.

UNIMPROVED LANDS.

Besides the lands described in this advertisement, we have for sale large quantities of unimproved lands, at prices ranging from \$4 to \$20 per acre. In the western and south-western parts of our county good lands can be bought for \$4 and \$5 per acre. Some large tracts suitable for stock ranches can be obtained at these figures.

IMPROVED LANDS.

We have a very large lot of improved farms in various parts of Sedgewick County for sale at reasonable figures. Owing to frequent sales and changes in prices, we omit particular descriptions, and will merely say that we can offer to purchasers almost any kind of a farm that may be wanted. Call at our office and examine lists, or write for special information in regard to this class of property.

CITY PROPERTY.

Choice residence property and vacant lots in all parts of the city of Wichita. Some especially desirable property now for sale. Call early and secure bargains.

MONEY TO LOAN.

Money always on hand to loan on approved real estate security at the lowest current rates. Our facilities in this line of business are unsurpassed by any firm in Kansas. Principal and interest are paid at our office.

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Stylish Parasols, 10 cents to \$10.

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Table Linens, Towels, Napkins, Etc.

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